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Hello,

As Microsoft has abused their powers and their monopoly status allows them to unfairly dominate the client desktop operating system market I recommend that any settlement include:

- o For any release (including widely distributed pre-releases of software aka alpha/beta) of software that runs on a client desktop system that Microsoft provide a "fully" documented file format for all such software.

For example, this would require them to "fully" document the file format of Microsoft Word. This would allow competitors to compete in the "word processor" application market space providing consumers a choice. This should be done for all such applications including but not limited to those in their "office" suite.

- o For any release (including widely distributed pre-releases of software aka alpha/beta) of software that communicates accross network connections in both intra and inter machine scenarios, that Microsoft provide a "fully" documented network protocol and message specification for all such protocols.

For example, this would require them to "fully" document SMB/CIFS aka Microsoft Windows Networking such that Macintoshes, linux, and so on could fully participate in a Microsoft network.

For example, this would require them to "fully" document '.NET' such that they do not use their monopoly power with that architecture.

The penalty for not complying should be that they will be prevented from selling or distributing such non complying products until they comply with the above requirements.

How all this is worded must be done VERY carefully,  
Microsoft is great at finding loopholes in legal  
and other dealings.

Please seriously consider this,  
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